

**ARIZONA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FIFTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE – Second Regular Session**

HOUSE ETHICS COMMITTEE
Minutes of Interim Meeting
Thursday, May 5, 2022
House Hearing Room 4 – 1:00 P.M.

Chairman Grantham called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. and a roll call was taken by the secretary.

Members Present:

Representative Travis Grantham, Chairman
Representative Regina Cobb
Representative Domingo De Grazia
Representative Alma Hernandez
Representative Jacqueline Parker

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Members Absent:

None
(Attachment #1)

Ethics Complaint filed against Representative Robert Meza

Chairman Grantham stated that the purpose of this meeting was to consider the matter of an Ethics complaint that was filed against Representative Robert Meza by Mr. Phillip Potter on April 28, 2022. The Complaint is dated April 4, 2022 and has been distributed to the committee for consideration.

Chairman Grantham conveyed to the committee, that this meeting will not be any sort of evidentiary or investigative proceeding. This is not a Rule 15 Hearing under the committee rules. Public testimony will not be allowed and the committee will not hear from Mr. Meza or any witnesses during this Committee.

Chairman Grantham stated that Mr. Meza would be permitted the opportunity both to respond to the complaint and to be heard in the future as appropriate.

Chairman Grantham stated that the reason for this meeting was simply to decide how to proceed. Chairman Grantham stated that he had reviewed Mr. Potter's complaint in detail, and that Mr. Potter alleges that Mr. Meza has violated not only the House Rules but also criminal laws.

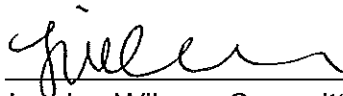
Chairman Grantham stated that although this committee has authority to conduct formal investigations, it is not a law enforcement agency or a court of law, and if Mr. Potter believes he has evidence that Mr. Meza engaged in criminal wrongdoing, then Mr. Potter should take that evidence to a law enforcement agency or court of law.

Chairman Grantham stated that he believed the committee should lay Mr. Potter's complaint on the table and allow him to contact law enforcement if he so chooses and that by tabling the complaint, the committee has simply postponed any other action for the time being.

Representative Cobb moved that the complaint against Representative Robert Meza dated April 4, 2022 be layed on the table. (Attachement #2) Motion carried by 4 Ayes and 1 Nay. (Attachment #3)

The following members explained their votes: Representatives Alma Hernandez, Jacqueline Parker and Chairman Travis Grantham.

Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 1:10 P.M.



Jessica Wilson, Committee Secretary
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INTERIM COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE RECORD

COMMITTEE ON Ethics

CHAIRMAN Travis Grantham VICE-CHAIRMAN Regina Cobb

DATE	5-5-22	
CONVENED	1:05pm	
RECESSED		
RECONVENED		
ADJOURNED	1:10pm	
MEMBERS		
DeGrazia	✓	
Hernandez, A	✓	
Parker	✓	
Cobb, Vice-Chair	✓	
Grantham, Chairman	✓	

✓ Present --- Absent exc Excused

ETHICS COMMITTEE REPORT
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Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ethics reports that it has had under consideration the ethics complaint against Representative Robert Meza by Mr. Phillip Potter filed on April 18, 2022 and

respectfully recommends that the complaint be laid on the table.



Travis Grantham, Chairman

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INTERIM COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTE

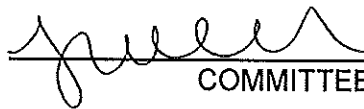
COMMITTEE: Ethics

DATE: 5-5-2022 MOTION: LAY ON THE TABLE THE COMPLAINT
AGAINST REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT MEZA
DATED APRIL 4, 2022."

Chair Travis Grantham Vice Chair Regina Cobb

MEMBERS	PASS	AYE	NAY	PRESENT	ABSENT
De Grazia		✓			
Hernandez, A		✓			
Parker			✓		
Cobb, Vice-Chairman		✓			
Grantham, Chairman		✓			
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APPROVED:



COMMITTEE SECRETARY


COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

ATTACHMENT 3